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SUBJECT: CASE AMENDMENT REGARDING US FINANCING OF UNESCO

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1. THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974 AS REPORTED FROM
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT CONTAINS
FOLLOWING PROVISION RELATING TO EXPENSE OF US MEMBERSHIP
IN UNESCO:

"CONGRESS DIRECTS THAT NO FUNDS SHOULD BE OBLIGATED OR
EXPENDED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO SUPPORT THE UNITED
NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANI-
ZATION UNTIL THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIES TO THE CONGRESS THAT
SUCH ORGANIZATION (1) HAS ADOPTED POLICIES WHICH ARE FULLY
CONSISTENT WITH ITS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL
OBJECTIVES, AND (2) HAS TAKEN CONCRETE STEPS TO CORRECT
ITS RECENT ACTIONS OF A PRIMARILY POLITICAL CHARACTER."

2. THE CONFERENCE REPORT CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING COMMENT
ON ITS ACTIONS ON THIS PROVISION:

"THE SENATE BILL CONTAINED A PROVISION WHICH PROHIBITED

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THE USE OF ANY FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER ANY LAW FOR THE

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) UNTIL THE SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFIED TO THE CONGRESS THAT EACH RESOLUTION NOT OF AN EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, OR CULTURAL CHARACTER ADOPTED BY UNESCO HAD BEEN REPEALED.

"THE HOUSE AMENDMENT ADDED A NEW SUBSECTION 320(H) TO THE ACT, PROHIBITING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT TO UNESCO UNTIL THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIES THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN CONCRETE STEPS TO CORRECT RECENT POLITICAL ACTIONS AND HAS ADOPTED POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH ITS CHARTER.

"THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AGREED UPON A PROVISION DIRECTING THAT NO FUNDS SHOULD BE EXPENDED OR OBLIGATED TO SUPPORT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION UNTIL THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIES TO THE CONGRESS THAT SUCH ORGANIZATION (1) HAS ADOPTED POLICIES WHICH ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH ITS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL OBJECTIVES AND (2) HAS TAKEN CONCRETE STEPS TO CORRECT ITS RECENT ACTIONS OF A PRIMARILY POLITICAL CHARACTER."

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